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SUBJECT: EVENING READING

FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE EVENING READING FOR TUESDAY,
JUNE 13, 1978:

1. INDIA. THIS MORNING DESAI SAID HE HOPED WE COULD
RESUME SOME EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS TERMINATED BY
MRS. GANDHI AFTER 1971. IT IS TRUE THAT THERE ARE CON-
SIDERABLY FEWER EXCHANGES WITH INDIA NOW THAN THERE WERE
IN THE 1960S, PARTLY BECAUSE MRS. GANDHI ENDED SOME
JOINT RESEARCH PROJECTS SHE CONSIDERED SENSITIVE, BUT
PRIMARILY BECAUSE THE U.S.-OWNED RUPEES USED TO FUND THE
PROGRAMS HAVE BEEN EXHAUSTED.

EXCHANGES WITH INDIA CONTINUE, HOWEVER. FOR EXAMPLE, THE
PRIVATELY-SPONSORED "EXPERIMENT IN INTERNATIONAL LIVING"

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SENDS MANY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO INDIA EACH SUMMER, AND
THE INDO-U.S. JOINT COMMISSION FUNDS THE EXCHANGE OF ABOUT
15 SCHOLARS A YEAR. WE WILL ASK THE INDIANS WHETHER THEY
HAVE ANY SPECIFIC PROGRAMS IN MIND AND WILL TRY TO HELP
REACTIVATE THEM.

2. INDIAN TEXTILES. WHEN BOB STRAUSS AND JUANITA KREPS

MEET WITH DESAI TOMORROW, THEY WILL DISCUSS THE TEXTILE ISSUE HE RAISED THIS MORNING. THE APPAREL QUOTA FOR 1978 UNDER OUR BILATERAL AGREEMENT WITH INDIA IS ALMOST FILLED, BUT INDIA CONTENDS THAT OUR DATA INCLUDE HAND-LOOM PRODUCTS WHICH ARE NOT SUBJECT TO APPAREL QUOTAS. THEY SAY THEY CERTIFIED A LARGE VOLUME OF HANDLOOMS AS MANUFACTURED APPAREL BY MISTAKE. THEIR EVIDENCE IS BEING REVIEWED TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE IMPORTS NOW CREDITED TO THE APPAREL QUOTA CAN BE REDUCED. BOB AND JUANITA WILL ALSO HEAR DESAI OUT ON THE INDIAN REQUEST FOR AN INCREASE OF 5 MILLION YARDS IN THE 1978 APPAREL QUOTA.

3. NAMIBIA. NYERERE HAS TOLD US THAT THE FRONT LINE AND SWAPO AGREED AT THE LUANDA FRONT LINE SUMMIT MEETING THAT ONLY TWO ISSUES REMAIN ON NAMIBIA: (1) A PUBLIC AFFIRMATION BY THE WESTERN FIVE TO THE EFFECT THAT WALVIS BAY IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF NAMIBIA; AND (2) THE LOCATION OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN RESIDUAL MILITARY FORCE IN NAMIBIA DURING TRANSITION. NYERERE URGED THE FIVE TO OBTAIN SOUTH AFRICA'S AGREEMENT TO BASE THEIR TROOPS SOUTH OF WINDHOEK AND THEN RENEW TALKS WITH SWAPO IN LUANDA. WHEN OUR FIVE AMBASSADORS IN CAPE TOWN INFORMED BOTHA OF THE OUTCOME OF THE LUANDA MEETING TODAY, HE SAID SOUTH AFRICA WOULD NOT ACCEPT ANY CHANGES IN THE SUBSTANCE OF THE
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FIVE'S PROPOSAL.

CLEARLY, WE FACE FURTHER DIFFICULT NEGOTIATIONS. CY WILL MEET WITH THE OTHER FOUR FOREIGN MINISTERS IN PARIS TOMORROW TO CONSIDER HOW WE SHOULD PROCEED. A POSSIBLE NEXT STEP WOULD BE TO SEND CONTACT GROUP REPRESENTATIVES TO LUANDA FOR TALKS, AS NYERERE SUGGESTED.

4. CANADIAN FISH. WE HAVE TAKEN TWO STEPS THAT SHOULD IMPROVE THE OUTLOOK FOR OUR MARITIME NEGOTIATIONS WITH CANADA, WHICH RESUME NEXT WEEK. FIRST, AFTER A CLOSE LOOK AT THE RELEVANT LEGISLATION, WE CONCLUDED THAT, DESPITE THE BREAKDOWN OF THE INTERIM FISHERY AGREEMENT, WE CAN ALLOW CANADIAN FISHING IN OUR PART OF THE GREAT LAKES. THE CANADIANS ALREADY HAD DECIDED TO ALLOW U.S. RECREATIONAL FISHING IN THEIR WATERS. RECREATIONAL FISHING IN THE GREAT LAKES IS AN IMPORTANT SOURCE OF TOURIST INCOME FOR BOTH COUNTRIES. SECOND, MIKE BLUMENTHAL DECIDED TO WAIVE THE IMPOSITION OF A COUNTER-VAILING DUTY AGAINST CERTAIN SUBSIDIZED CANADIAN FISH EXPORTS TO THE U.S., AFTER THE CANADIANS AGREED TO ELIMINATE THEIR SUBSIDIES BY OCTOBER 1. WE PRESSED THE

CANADIANS FOR THIS RAPID PHASEOUT BECAUSE OF PRESSURES

FROM FISHERY INTERESTS ON THE HILL, BUT WE WERE ALSO
CONCERNED THAT IMPOSING A COUNTERVAILING DUTY SHORTLY
AFTER THE BREAKDOWN OF RECIPROCAL FISHING COULD ESCALATE
THE DISPUTE AND POISON THE ATMOSPHERE FOR THE RESUMED
NEGOTIATIONS. CHRISTOPHER

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